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On 4 December 1953, the Neue Kaserne east of Schubertstrasse, Gotha, was occupied by 1,100 troops. On 3 December, about 30 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets engaged in advanced combat practice behind the installation, while about 30 troops received close combat training and about 60 troops drilled in the installation. At about 1 p.m., about 200 troops, armed with carbines and carrying practice targets, entered the installation from the training area.

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Comment. The information corresponds with observations in November by the same source, who, however, reported the installation occupied by only about 800 troops. The strength estimate in the present report is believed to come near to the actual occupation by units of the 172d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

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